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SUBJECT: RUSSIA SUPPORTS U.S. CANDIDATE FOR CONVENTION

AGAINST TORTURE ELECTION

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Russia will support re-election of the U.S. candidate to the UN Committee Against Torture, Ms. Felice Gear, in the election scheduled for October 8, 2007, in Geneva (reftel). According to a diplomatic note received on August 23, Russian support for the U.S. candidate is dependent upon USG agreement to support the Russian candidate to the Committee in the election scheduled for 2009. Burns